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USP 2002/0012318 corresponds to JP-A-2001-352342.

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<b>LIST OF ADDITIONAL SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS</b>	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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